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Financial assistance to Ceylon repatriates

* 2105 Q.—SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the allotment made for rendering financial assistance to barbers, washermen, tailors, soap-makers and artisans district-wise repatriated from Ceylon;

(*b*) when it was sanctioned; and

(*c*) the amount utilised so far?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The allotment for grant of loans to artisan-repartiates from Ceylon was Rs. 500 in 1959–60 and Rs. 37,500 in 1960–61. District-wise allotment is not made. The artisans among the Ceylon Repatriates, wherever settled, are eligible for the loan.

(*b*) Orders were issued in June 1959 authorising an advance of Rs. 500 to each of the artisans among the repatriates from Ceylon, namely, tailors, blacksmiths, soap-makers, barbers and dhobies to enable them to pursue their skilled avocations in India. This concession was extended to goldsmiths and sculptors in April 1960.

(*c*) A sum of Rs. 36,785 has been utilised so far.